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March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re:

WC Docket No. 10-90

Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest - Rate-of-Return Area

Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a PSC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a PSC hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's Rural Broadband Experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding. PSC is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) serving rural areas of the Indiana counties of Crawford, Dubois, Perry, Pike, Spencer and Warrick.

Currently, PSC is in the middle of a \$29M Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) project within its ILEC regulated service territory. With these RUS loan proceeds, PSC will connect approximately 70% of our cooperative member base to our fiber network. The remaining 30% reside in very high-cost, sparse areas where the copper loops are not only of great length, but aging. Existing digital subscriber line (DSL) service in these areas does not meet our customer demands for scalable high-speed broadband today, let alone the future. The cost to build out to the remaining 30%, however, has been estimated to be between \$20 - \$25M. For PSC to borrow these additional funds it would not be financially feasible and would put the entire cooperative in financial peril. Without other financial assistance, such as additional funding from the Connect America Fund, reaching the remaining 30% of our membership will not be possible.

The details of the proposed experiment deployment are as follows:

Proposed Service Area

PSC proposes to extend our FTTP network to those members residing in unserved and underserved areas of our cooperative. Census Tracts would include:

Indiana:

Dubois	18037953200
Perry	18123952300
Pike	18125953900
Pike	18125954200
Spencer	18147952700
Spencer	18147952800

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Proposed Broadband Services

Voice and broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of up to 1 Gbps downstream and 1 Gbps upstream.

Funding

As of this letter, PSC does not have a funding estimate to complete this proposed experiment. Final project costs will be dependent on engineering and design work necessary to estimate extending our ongoing FTTP project to members who are covered by this rural broadband experiment. This will be disclosed when a formal proposal is submitted at a later date.

PSC appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding Expression of Interest. Please contact me at 812-357-2123 or idauby@psci.net with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

James M. Dauby

President and CEO